Looking at WASHINGTON

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

WAR THREAT IN EUROPE BRINGS NEW ISSUES TO THE FRONT FOR AMERICANS TO DECIDE

The tense situation in Europe reflects itself in Washington, where officials are anxiously watching developments. That the war-threat carried implications that might involve the United States, and seriously affect our future, is not denied.

Better Prepared.

The first comment on the troubled condition of the world is that the United States is far better prepared for eventualities than it was in 1914. This, in itself, worries many people who fear that our participation in the struggle will be hastened by our preparedness. This reasoning lies behind the pacifist move to limit armament in the United States, in order that no government will dare to go to war with odds against its success.

Atlantic Squadron.

Quite recently the Navy created an Atlantic squadron, consisting of seven of our newest and best cruisers and seven of our finest destroyers. Despite all explanations the squadrons was placed in the Atlantic because of the threatening conditions abroad and the fear that these warships would be needed in the Atlantic. There is no idea of aggression against any other nation, so far as we can imagine, but a conviction that if war spreads through Europe there will be work for American ships to do in giving protection to American interests.

Air Center Moved.

Another significant move was the recent transfer of the Army aviation headquarters to Illinois, near the strategic center of the country. From Scott Field airplanes can go to any border of the nation and besides, the nerve center is not vulnerable to enemy attack. Now, the average reader might as well understand that this move was based upon sound military reasons and was put into effect now because of the fear that danger might be ahead. Nobody has any present idea that we will be attacked but nobody knows, and consequently prudence is in order.

Meanwhile, looking to its defenses and preparing for military emergency, the officials are beginning to check up on plans to mobilize industry for war activity. The manufacture of munitions and equipment in time of war is an important job and one that cannot be arranged overnight. It must be perfected before the outbreak of hostilities and the United States, profiting form the confusion and delay of the last war, is merely getting its house in order to be able to look the future in the face without flinching.

Anti-Aircraft Guns.

Significant is the strengthening of our anti-aircraft defense. The War Department has ordered 333 new rapid-fire, antiaircraft guns and carriages at a cost of $10,000,000. These guns will equip 32 regiments of anti-aircraft troops instead of six or seven now so equipped. The new weapons will not be ready for nearly two years but then they will be distributed to regiments on the East and West coasts to defend our large population centers. Again, let us point out that anti-aircraft guns cannot be produced overnight. If trobule develops they must be on hand if they are to do the nation any good.

Neutrality.

Another aspect of the situation abroad is to be seen in the renewed agitation over neutrality legislation. Congress is certain to face this problem and some action will have to be taken. The present neutrality laws have not worked satisfactorily and have not, apparently, been applied aqually to the warfare in Spain and in the Far East. In fact, it may be said that our present neutrality legislation is not satisfactory to anybody, including pacifists, officials and foreign nations.

Voting on War.

You will also hear much about a law to permit the people to vote on the question of declaring war, except in case of actual invasion. This has a strong popular appeal and some logic in the plea that those who must fight the battles should have the right to say when the sacrifices should be made. Space is not here available to go into the pros and cons of this debate but there are, as usual, two sides to the question.

Conflicting Ideas.

Of course, there are people in the United States who believe that the money being spent on preparedness is being thrown away and that the way for this nation too maintain peace is to be found in a lack of the means of defense rather than in the possession of an army and navy comparable to those of other great powers. At the other extreme, there are some who would have the nation jump into the world arena, take immediate sides and throw its weight in the scales that represent certain definite ideals. There are, too, the middle-of-the-roaders, who advocate extreme caution, watchful, and every conceivable effort to keep out of war. This last group, we think, is by far the vast majority of our people.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Question: What is the earliest date that cabbage can be sown for best results?

Answer: Cabbage seed may be sown in an outdoor bed for the early spring crop as early as October 1 in the tidewater and lower coastal plain section. For the upper coastal plain and lower piedmont section the earliest date is September 16. For the western part of the State, seeds are usually sown in cold frames during January. In eastern and central North Carolina the frost-proof Jersey Wakefield and Charleston Wakefield varieties are the best.

Question: How much light should I plan for my poultry laying house?

Answer: Two forty-watt lamps should be provided for each 400 sq. feet of floor space. These bulbs should be placed in the center of the house ten feet apart and six feet from the floor. To prevent a waste of light, a reflector sixteen inches in diameter and four inches deep should be used with each light bulb. If all-night lights are used then a dim light with a reflector is best with two 10 or 15 watt bulbs being sufficient for a house 20 by 20. Where other than all night lighting is used the lights should be regulated so that the birds have from 12 to 14 hours a day for feeding.

Question: When should paradichlorobenzene be applied to peach trees to control borers?

Answer: The treatment should be applied about the first of October in Western Carolina and about the middle of October in the eastern section. The crystals should be applied in a continuous band about an inch in width and care should be taken that the chemical should not be closer than one and one-half inches from the tree trunk. Smooth the surface about a foot from the tree before applying the crystals. Several shovels of dirt should be placed on the ring in the form of a mound and packed down with a shovel. One-fourth to one-half ounce should be used for trees four to six years of age and one ounce for trees six years old or older.

Improvements Noted In Tar Heel Cotton

Improvements made in North Carolina cotton since 1938 may be worth around $3,500,000 to Tar Heel growers this year, in the opinion of Gleen R. Smith, cotton marketing specialist at State College.

Ten years ago, he said, 80 per cent of the crop was of 7/8 inch staple length, or shorter, while 18 per cent measured from 15/16 to 1 inch. Last year, only 15 per cent of the crop was short staple, and fully 80 per cent ranged from 15/16 to 1 inch.

Smith said that no other cotton-growing State has made as great an improvement in the staple length of its lint crop during the same period. This means that Tar Heel cotton bears a more favorable ratio to other cotton than it did 10 years ago.

By comparing the average price paid for North Carolina cotton in 1928 with the price of middling 7/8 inch staple on the central market, and then making the same comparison for last year, Smith calculated that cotton from this State sold for $5 a bale more in 1937 than it would have if it were of the same kind that was produced in 1928.

There is still much room for improvement in the grade of North Carolina cotton, Smith added. Many growers are not getting the full premium prices for the longer staple lint that they would if the grade of their cotton was better.

To produce high grade cotton, Smith pointed out that the lint should not be allowed to hang in the fields long after the bolls have opened, as is weathers rapidly. Keep it free from trash, and pick only dry cotton, if possible. If it must be picked while damp, give it a chance to dry thoroughly before it is taken to the gin.

Supply of Phosphate Limited, Floyd Says

The AAA will not be able to accept any more orders for phosphate to be used this year in connection with the agricultural conservation program, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, has announced.

Farmers in North Carolina and other States, showing a growing interest in soil improvement, have asked for more phosphate than the AAA will be able to secure from the Tennessee Valley Authority and other manufacturers.

Orders for 650 tons have been filled so far in this State, Floyd pointed out, and an additional 300 tons can probably be delivered by the middle of October on orders that have been accepted already.

But no more orders can be placed this year, he continued. Nevertheless, farmers who wish to apply phosphate to their legume crops and pastures in earning AAA payments can do so by purchasing the material from local dealers.

Under the agricultural conservation program, arrangements had been made for supplying growers with phosphate at a low cost and deduct a small amount from their AAA payments. The farmers responded to such an extent that there is not enough phosphate to supply the demand through AAA sources.

Growers who don't buy any phosphate this year can earn their conservation program payments, Floyd added, by carrying out other soil-building practices such as seeding Austrian winter peas, vetch, and crimson clover.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Blaney J. Tyson, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned administrator or attorney, at Farmville, N. C., on or before the 23rd day of September, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 22nd day of September, 1938.

HENRY C. TYSON, Administrator of Blaney J. Tyson, Deceased.
JOHN B. LEWIS, Attorney.
Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28.

D. A. R.'s MEET IN NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

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In the second of a series of discussions of "The Theatre Today," by Margaret Gemmell Holmes, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti presented an interesting paper on "The Wingless Victory" by Maxwell Anderson, which opened in New York in December, 1937, with Catherine Cornell, often referred to as the first lady of the theatre, playing the leading role of the Malayan princess, Oparre. The theme of the play, as revealed by Miss DeVisconti, related to a woman's love, which is contrasted with that of the covetous, unChristian New Englander of Salem in the year 1800.

A delicious frozen salad course was served during the tea hour.

Misses Albertine and Hazel Barrett were hostesses to the Junior Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon at their home on Belcher street, which was gay and inviting with a variety of fall flowers.

Mrs. James Wheless, Jr., presided over the business meeting and requested reports from the chairmen of the various committees; Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., presented the names of Mrs. Bill Worthington, Mrs. Bill and Mrs. Vernon Forbes for membership in this group.

Featuring the program was an interesting sketch of Laura Knight by Mrs. Mac Carraway.

Mrs. D. R. Morgan, club sponsor, was present and received a cordial welcome from the members.

A delicious ice course was served by the hostesses.

Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins and Mrs. Louise Harris were joint hostesses to the American Legion Auxiliary as it resumed fall activities on Thursday. Seasonal flowers were attractively arranged in the Legion Hall as a setting for the meeting.

The program with its topic of "Music" was developed by Mrs. Haywood Smith who illustrated her talk with a group of piano numbers, and by Mrs. J. W. Joyner, who sang several selections with Mrs. Smith as accompanist.

A variety of sandwiches, cookies and fruit punch were served after adjournment.

Mrs. B. S. Sheppard delightfully entertained the Progressive Bridge Club on Thursday. Fall flowers were used with pleasing effect and the tallies and refreshment plates effectively carried the autumn colors and motifs. Gifts of imported jellies in attractive wrappings were presented as high score prizes to Mrs. R. O. Lang, club member, and Mrs. Elbert Joyner, a guest.

A congealed salad was served after cards were laid aside. Special guests of the hostess were Mrs. J. M. Christman, Mrs. Elbert Joyner, Mrs. R. A. Parker, Mrs. Hubert Joyner, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson and Mrs. Wesley R. Willis.

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This the 1st day of September, 1938.

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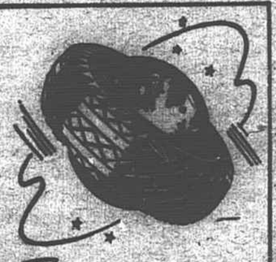
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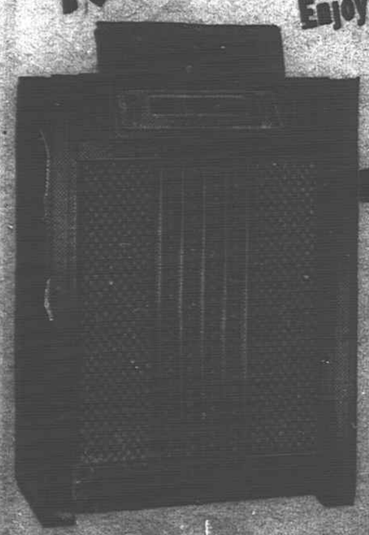
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